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ANGELINA COUNTY MAN SENTENCED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

(Beaumont, Texas) A 38-year-old Angelina County man was sentenced for sexually exploiting minor children and possessing child pornography in the Eastern District of Texas. **RONNIE GURGANUS, JR.** was sentenced today to 151 months in federal prison by United States District Judge Thad Heartfield. Gurganus had previously pleaded guilty on June 1, 2005.

According to information presented in court, beginning in about December 2002, Gurganus enticed a minor child to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing child pornography.

United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig praised the efforts of the law enforcement agencies, "These are not just images. These are children who have suffered immeasurable damage because of child pornography. This office will continue to aggressively seek out and prosecute those who violate Federal laws and harm children."

The case was investigated by the Lufkin Police Department and was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Reynaldo P. Morin.

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